

Listing of the Claims

1. (Original) A drug that comprises hollow nanoparticles of a particle-forming protein, the hollow nanoparticles having an ability to recognize a hepatocyte, and encapsulating a substance to be transferred to a cell for treatment of a hepatic disease.

2. (Original) The drug as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protein comprises a hepatitis B virus surface-antigen protein.

3. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 1, wherein the hepatic disease-treating substance comprises a gene.

4. (Original) The drug as set forth in claim 3, wherein the gene comprises a cancer-treating gene.

5. (Original) The drug as set forth in claim 4, wherein the gene comprises a thymidine kinase (HSV1tk) gene derived from simple herpes virus.

6. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 1, wherein the drug is administered to the human body through intravenous injection.

7. (Withdrawn) A hepatic disease treating method comprising administering the drug of claim 1.

8. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 2, wherein the hepatic disease-treating substance comprises a gene.

9. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 2, wherein the drug is administered to the human body through intravenous injection.

10. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 3, wherein the drug is administered to the human body through intravenous injection.

11. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 4, wherein the drug is administered to the human body through intravenous injection.

12. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 5, wherein the drug is administered to the human body through intravenous injection.

13. (Previously Presented) The drug as set forth in claim 8, wherein the drug is administered to the human body through intravenous injection.

14. (Withdrawn) A hepatic disease treating method comprising administering the drug of claim 2.

15. (Withdrawn) A hepatic disease treating method comprising administering the drug of claim 3.

16. (Withdrawn) A hepatic disease treating method comprising administering the drug of claim 4.

17. (Withdrawn) A hepatic disease treating method comprising administering the drug of claim 5.

18. (Withdrawn) A hepatic disease treating method comprising administering the drug of claim 6.